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TAFT'S FRIENDS FUR- NISH CHARACTER STUDY

(By John W. Flenner)

Washington, D. C.—In an effort
to convince President Taft that he
has misjudged the capacity for
friendship of Col. Roosevelt; that
the latter never intended to stand
by the man whom he made presi-
dent, and that the time has come for
measures of reprisal against the
former president, supporters of Mr.
Taft have brought to his attention
what they describe as the keenest
character study of the Colonel that
has ever been written.

The document is a posthumous
paper found among the effects of the
late Maj. Wm. E. Goodman of Phila-
delphia, who died only a few weeks
ago. Maj. Goodman of Philadel-
phia was one of the six "fighting
Goodman brothers" who distinguish-
ed themselves in the Civil War. The
major had studied the career of
Col. Roosevelt as few men had, and
his relatives found the character
study among the dead man's effects.
The document is one of the severest
playings ever given a public man.
It follows:

"He (Roosevelt) is retiring. We
may now pause to consider the char-
acter of our present president. A
mind, bold-independent-erratic, a
will despotic in its dictates, an en-
ergy that knows no limit, as a poli-
tician, bordering on a genius, mark
the outlines of this extraordinary
president, the most extraordinary,
perhaps, that in the annals of this
country, ever occupied the presiden-
tial chair.

Made Vice-President to remove
him from the field of his strenu-
ousness as Governor of New York, he
was tossed into the presidential
chair by the bullet of the assassin.
With and amid tears, at the bier of
the martyred McKinley, he vowed
to continue his policies. He now
becomes the idol of the people and
is overwhelmingly made president.
Now, mark the change. The big
stick replaces the soothing hand—the
cool, deliberate judgment is follow-
ed by unreasoning impetuosity—a
flood tide of prosperity by a pitiless
panic.

"Were ever so many incongruities
united in the same character? A
sworn supporter of the constitution,
he recommends laws unconstitutional
and subversive of vested right. An
advocate of peace, himself receiving
the Nobel prize, he insists upon
mighty armaments. An executor of
the law, he, by threats on congress,
would make laws. He pleads for
conserving our resources of coal and
spends millions of the people's mon-
ey for a spectacular parade of "My
Navy."

"A born aristocrat, he, for effect,
rings the grimy hand of the mechan-
ic and joins his union. A would be
dictator, he has encouraged social-
ism. An executive only, he denoun-
ces the judiciary and demands con-
viction before trial. Promising tar-
iff reduction, he silently passes it by.
Advocating an income tax, he con-
sents to its elimination policies and
makes them popular.

"He would sacrifice any friend-
ship to his whim and have his ad-
mirers and his cabinet his sycophants.
He would reform our spell-
ing to suit a passing fancy. Claim-
ing to be a Christian man, he would
abolish "In God We Trust" from our
coins. Denouncing corporate wealth
he asks corporation money for elec-
tions. Under his reign, trade is
prostrated, wages reduced, and gov-
ernment revenues show a deficit. A
cow-boy to him is greater than a
statesman, and the killing of big

game the ambition of his future lef-
sure.

"The remaining months of his
term are few, the power of mischief
lessened, and, the possibility of a
third term has vanished. The al-
most daily message against predat-
ory wealth and corporate rascality
are drawing to a close, and we may
now look for some return of the
propriety he so ruthlessly disturbed,
using his own words "No matter
whom it hurts."

"Saturday, June 27, 1908."

On this date the convention ad-
journed after nominating President
Taft.

There has just come to the Inter-
ior department through Congress-
man Carter of Oklahoma, charges of
a most serious nature against cer-
tain alleged Washington attorneys
of grafting what is known as the
Four Mothers Organization among
the Choctaw and Chickasaw In-
dians. The Four Mothers is a Choctaw
and Chickasaw branch of the
Snake Association, as the Ketoowah
is of the Cherokees.

Several full-blood Indians, it
seems, have written to Mr. Carter,
seeking information concerning the
representations made by these at-
torneys to the Indians to the effect
that the conditions guaranteed by
the treaty of 1832 would be re-in-
stated, and upon such representa-
tions have collected considerable
sums of money from the Indians.
Among others, the name of L. C.
Moore is given as one of these al-
leged attorneys, but an investiga-
tion of the Washington city direc-
tory fails to disclose any such prac-
titioner of law in the city.

The department has been request-
ed by the Oklahoma Congressman
to take immediate steps to prevent
any further imposition on these in-
nocent people and it is thought that
the Secretary of the Interior will
deal with the perpetrators without
gloves as soon as they can be locat-
ed.

HARLEY FOR CONGRESS.

The many friends of Hon.
Jack Harley of McAlester, are
grooming him as a candidate for
Congress at large. And we join
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and ability, we feel sure that the
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guarded should the people be
fortunate enough in getting such
men to represent them in the
lower house of the national Con-
gress.

Mr. Harley is a prominent at-
torney, and during the great
mine strike in 1898, he proved to
be the miner's loyal friend.

APPRECIATION.

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support of Gov. Lee Cruce in
my recent troubles at the mine
explosion at McCurtain.

I wish to state that Gov. Lee
Cruce should receive the thanks
of the entire state as well as
that of the nation for the deep
interest he has manifested in the
mining department, the Governor,
having at all times, assisting and
aiding me as far as possible.

ED BOYLE
Chief Mine Inspector

EXPLOSION IN A MINE

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plosion of gas in the Central
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Clayton, David Havert, Harry
Smith and two aliens, names un-
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